

REMARKS

Claims 1-43, 52, and 53 stand pending in the instant application, with all such claims rejected by the examiner in the Final Office Action, dated 18 January 2005. The rejected claims include independent claims 1, 19, 36, 52, and 53.

In an after-final telephone interview between the examiner and the undersigned attorney, the examiner agreed that claim 1, as previously amended by the applicant, was allowable over the Salonaho reference that served as basis for the examiner's final rejection arguments. Further, while the (telephone) Interview Summary, mailed by the examiner on 7 February 2005, does not explicitly state that independent claims 19, 52, and 53 (and their dependents) are also allowable over Salonaho for the same reasons, it is the undersigned attorney's understanding that all such claims will be allowed by the examiner upon entry of this response.

That understanding is based on the clear inclusion in all such claims of the limitations regarding variable power adjustment step sizes. If the undersigned attorney is mistaken in this understanding, the examiner is respectfully asked to call, so that any remaining issues can be resolved. However, assuming that the reasons for allowing claim 1 apply equally to claims 19, 52, and 53, that leaves claim 36 as the only independent claim viewed by the examiner as unallowable.


Thus, the above amendments incorporate into claim 36 the subject matter of claim 1 that was identified by the examiner in his interview summary. It is believed that claim 36 as amended stands in condition for immediate allowance. However, please note that the language of claim 36 is not a verbatim incorporation of claim 1 limitations, because a verbatim copy of claim 1's limitations into claim 36 was stylistically awkward.

With the above amendments in mind, it is believed that all claims pending in the instant application now stand in condition for immediate allowance. As such, the applicant looks forward to the examiner's next correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

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